

SENATE BILL 762

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 7 and Title 49, Chapter 8, relative to charter school authorizers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

Notwithstanding § 49-13-121(a), a charter school currently authorized by the achievement school district as of January 1, 2017, for a period of no less than three (3) years may jointly, with the achievement school district, submit a written request to the department of education and state board of education indicating that the charter school no longer seeks authorization from the ASD due to meeting certain benchmarks, as approved by the department of education, and that the charter school seeks application to the state board of education as the charter school authorizer. The charter school shall submit this request on or before April 1 of the year preceding the year in which the proposed public charter school plans to begin operations. If the charter school has met or exceeded all benchmarks outlined in the initial charter application with the ASD, then the state board of education shall become the authorizer of the charter school pursuant to § 49-13-118.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.